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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS FAILURE

ACCA AND BONN FOR RCO; LONDON FOR ATO, FROM CEO

REF: STATE 203981 ET AL

1. DISCUSSIONS WITH CRU/TCU PERSONNEL REVEAL THAT THE LOCAL POWER IS NOT WELL REGULATED AND THAT THEY OFTEN LOSE PROJECTOR AND LIGHT BULBS IN THE EVENING DUE TO VOLTAGE FLUCTUATIONS. TCU MAN TOOK LINE VOLTAGE READINGS ONE EVENING AND FOUND THE VOLTAGE AS HIGH AS 145 VOLTS. MOMENTARY LOSSES OF POWER OCCUR FREQUENTLY AS WELL.

2. SINCE THE SECONDARY TECH CONTROL IS POWERED FROM THE PRIMARY SIDE OF THE ISOLATION IMFR VIA A MANUAL CONTROLLED VARIABLE IMFR OF 2.4 KW CAPACITY, ANY VOLTAGE FLUCTUATIONS ARE FELT ON ALL AC POWERED COMPONENTS IN THE SECONDARY TECH CONTROL.

3. I BELIEVE THE POORLY REGULATED LOCAL POWER TO BE THE CAUSE OF THE REPETITIVE EQUIPMENT FAILURES IN THE SECONDARY TECH CONTROL POSITION, AND RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS AS POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS:

A. INSTALL AN AC VOLTAGE REGULATOR OF SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO HANDLE THE SECONDARY TECH. CONTROL POSITION AND A POSSIBLE
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SELCALL ASR. (STABILINE MODEL IES9101 OR EQUIVALENT.)

B. INSTALL AN AC VOLTAGE REGULATOR OF SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO HANDLE THE SECONDARY TECH CONTROL, SELCALL ASR AND THE CODEROOM. (AVERAGE LINE CURRENT READINGS WITH CODE ROOM IN OPERATION WERE APPROX 10 AMPS. AT 230 VOLTS. BELIEVE 10 VA UNIT WOULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE CAPACITY. A STABILINE MODEL IES9210 OR EQUIVALENT WOULD DO.)

4. THE EQUIPMENTS IN E. COULD BE INSTALLED BY ALGIERS LOCAL ELECTRICIAN.

5. AN ANALYSIS OF THE TROUBLE IN THE POWER SUPPLY WHICH WAS REPLACED MAY PROVIDE FURTHER EVIDENCE AS TO THE CAUSE OF THE FAILURES IN THE SECONDARY TECH CONTROL.
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